



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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Commissioner of Education

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Approve revisions to Rule 24 (92 NAC 24) *Regulations for Certificate Endorsements* and the associated *Guidelines Recommended for Use with Rule 24*.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE), with the input of ad hoc committees, has completed revision work on the following endorsements, which, if approved, will become effective August 1, 2016 with their associated Guidelines. A Public Hearing regarding Rule 24 was held January 5, 2016. As indicated in the attached Hearing Summary, no concerns were expressed during the hearing.

The Board will be asked to approve Rule 24 to move forward for Attorney General review and Governor approval at the February 5, 2016 meeting. The Board will also be asked to approve the Rule 24 Guidelines. The Guidelines do not have legal force and effect and are only subject to State Board approval. The Guidelines provide direction to the educator preparation institutions as they implement/revise their programs. Both the Rule and the Guidelines are used as a basis for Annual Board Approval and State Program Review processes. A copy of each institution's course requirements for each endorsement program they offer is kept on file in the NDE Educator Preparation Office.

Revised Endorsements:

1. Art
2. Health Sciences Education
3. Middle Level Education
4. Music
5. Vocal Music

The following endorsements are recommended for elimination from the current Rule 24:

1. General Art
2. Instrumental Music

In addition, other changes to Rule 24 include:

1. Definition of Supplemental Endorsement was updated
2. Physical Education – PK-12 grade level option was added
3. Special Education – name was changed to Special Education Generalist

4. Incorporated an update to the name of the Praxis assessments currently being used
5. Revisions were made to enhance consistency and to address numeric/alphabetical placement

Support materials attached include:

1. A draft of the proposed Rule 24
2. A draft of the proposed Rule 24 Guidelines
3. Hearing Officers Summary from the Hearing held January 5, 2016.

ESTIMATED COST: \$600.00 for public notice and printing costs.